

In the Specification:

Kindly amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, after line 1, insert:

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

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This application is the national phase application of International Application No. PCT/IB99/02053 filed July 30, 2001, entitled "Blood Separation System Particularly for Concentrating Hematopoietic Stem Cells." Priority is claimed to the PCT application filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 365.

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 22 are pending in the above-identified application.

Claims 1-17 and 20-22 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention and to eliminate multiple dependent claims.

No new matter is believed to have been introduced by this amendment.

In accordance with 37 C.F.F. § 1.121, attached hereto are the marked-up versions of the claims showing the changes made and versions of the claims in clear form incorporating the changes made.

CONCLUSION

Favorable action is most earnestly solicited.

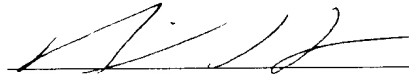
If the Examiner has any questions, or wishes to discuss this matter, please contact the undersigned at the telecommunication numbers listed below.

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